(b) No specific target has been fixed regarding the length of roads to be constructed under the PMGSY for the Tenth Plan Period. As per the Guidelines of the PMGSY, the list of road works along with the length of the roads proposed to be constructed in a State is to be finalized each year by the District Panchayats.

Payment of Ex-Gratia to Sunstroke Victims

1908. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for immediated release of more than Rs. 5 crore for payment of ex-gratia to the families of persons who died of sunstroke from the Prime Minister's Relief Funds; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No Sir. This Ministry has not received any letter from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh requesting financial assistance for payment of ex-gratia to the families of persons who died of intensive heat wave conditions in the State.

(b) Question does not arise.

Water scarcity in Southern districts of Orissa

1909. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Southern districts of Orissa are facing acute water scarcity where a number of tubewells and sanitary wells have gone defunct; and

(b) if so, help rendered by the Centre to the cash-strapped State to overcome this specially in the low level far-flung inaccessible areas of the State?